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SUBJECT: GDR THREATS AGAINST PLANNED CDU MEETING IN
BERLIN

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1. AS INSTRUCTED REF A (PARA 3), THE US REP QUERIED
THE FRG REP AT THE JUNE 13 BONN GROUP MEETING ON STEPS
THE FRG HAD TAKEN TO AVOID ACTIONS BY PARTICIPANTS IN
THE JUNE 16 RALLY WHICH MIGHT GIVE THE GDR A PRETEXT FOR
TURNING BACK TRAVELLERS. THIS IS A SUBJECT PREVIOUSLY
DISCUSSED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THE BONN GROUP,
ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT REPORTED THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

2. THE FRG BONN GROUP REP (LUECKING) BELIEVES THAT THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY DONE ALL THAT IT IS
POLITICALLY POSSIBLE FOR IT TO DO IN THIS REGARD. ON
APRIL 24, INNER-GERMAN AFFAIRS MINISTER FRANKE SENT A
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LETTER TO CDU CHAIRMAN HELMUT KOHL CONCERNING WHAT WAS
THEN PLANNED BY THE CDU JUNGE UNION AS A STERNFAHRT TO
BERLIN ON JUNE 17. NOTING THAT IT WOULD BE IN THE
INTEREST OF ALL TO AVOID ACTIONS WHICH WOULD GIVE THE
GDR THE POSSIBILITY OF CLAIMING THAT THE STERNFAHRT WAS
A VIOLATION OF THE TRANSIT AGREEMENT, FRANKE APPEALED
TO KOHL TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TO ASSURE SELF DISCIPLINE

ON THE PART OF THE JUNGE UNION AND STRICT OBSERVANCE
OF ALL OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE TRANSIT AGREEMENT. IN
REPLY, KOHL INFORMED FRANKE THAT PLANS FOR A STERNFAHRT
HAD BEEN DROPPED AND THAT THERE WAS NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN
ABOUT VIOLATIONS OF THE TRANSIT AGREEMENT.

3. COMMENT: ONE JUNGE UNION OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED
AN EMBOFF, IN DISCUSSING THE FRANKE-KOHL EXCHANGE, THAT
HE WAS INCENSED THAT KOHL HAD NOT ANSWERED FRANKE WITH
A BLAST ACCUSING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF MEDDLING IN
CDU/JUNGE UNION BUSINESS AND OF FAILING TO "MAKE" THE
GDR HONOR ITS COMMITMENTS TO THE FRG. UNDER THE
CIRCUMSTANCES, WE AGREE WITH LUECKING THAT IT WOULD NOT
BE FEASIBLE TO PRESS THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ANY FURTHER
STEPS VIS-A-VIS THE CDU LEADERSHIP.
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